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'Weakly sustainable' ecological footprint of Jnana Bharathi at 2.7 gha per capita shows food as major factor at 93.02%

SECOND NATURE

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The ecological footprint of the Jnana Bharati campus is more than double the national ecological footprint, according to the recent ecological footprint analysis conducted by the department of environment science of Bangalore University.

The total footprint of the campus was found to be 2.7 gha per capita (giga hectare of land) whereas the national ecological footprint is 1.2 gha per capita. According to the study, the campus is 'weakly sustainable'.

The footprint was calculated based on components such as food, energy, wastewater disposal, waste generation and built-up area.

A total population of 7,926 individuals including students, staff, scholars and quarters inmates consumes 8,48,104.6 kg of food, 28,81,500 kWh of energy, 510,260,000 litres of water and generates 165.83 tonnes of municipal waste every year.

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"It is time accreditation bodies started looking at comprehensive ecological footprint analysis of campuses..."
—Dr BC Nagaraja, dept of environment science, BU

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WHITE NOISE

BBMP's white-topping work not letting CMH Road residents catch a break

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KEA rejects repeaters' plea to include PU score

It will be injustice to those who were ranked only on the CET exam last year and are now studying in different colleges says KEA

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With the Common Entrance Test (CET) results announced on Saturday, many students who had taken PU exams last year and attempted CET this year demand that last year's PU marks be counted. However, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has clarified that it was not possible as it would mean injustice to students who had taken CET last year.

Students who dropped a year to prepare for the KCET, have complained that their board examination score wasn't considered to calculate the KCET rank.

Prajwal Bhadran, a student told Bangalore Mirror, "Last year, we got our second year PU marks without writing any offline exams. So they haven't considered our PU score, because of which our ranks got affected by more than 80,000. My board score is 299/300 and my KCET score is 79/180, but my KCET rank is 1,34,250. On the other hand, a fresher got 31,500 rank with 69 marks in CET. I worked the whole year, day and night, and tried to get a better college than last year. But I was shocked to see my results. It was even worse than last year."

Pavithra P, an engineering aspirant had a similar experience. She said, "Last year I wrote KCET and my score was 67/180 (PCM) and I got a rank around 38,000. This year, I secured 84 marks and I got 1 lakh 21 thousand ranks. They said that they are considering boards 50 per cent and KCET marks 50 per cent for evaluation. They gave us an entry link to upload our PUC II mark sheet too."

Reacting to this, KEA executive director Ramya S said, "This time, CET scores are only considered. Some students who passed the second PUC last year took the CET exam this time too, and the ranking of such students was decided only based on the CET exam scores. Usually, in KEA the ranking is decided based on both CET and secondary PUC- marks. The same has been done this time too. But last time secondary PUC exams were not conducted due to covid. So in that case, the ranking was given only based on the marks obtained in the CET exam."

"If this appeal is considered, it will be like doing injustice to those who were ranked only on the CET exam last time and are now studying in different colleges," Ramya S added.

Parents and students waiting to meet the Higher Education Minister CN Ashwath Narayan after staging a protest at CET cell

Online mantra

Higher Education Minister CN Ashwath Narayan said that all the processes of the KEA will be done online given the many problems faced during counselling and verification of documents earlier. "Arrangements have been made to obtain certificates of income and caste etc online from the concerned competent authorities. Apart from CBSE and ICSE, KEA will also get the mark sheets of those who have done PUC online and do the seat allotment process. We aim to make it easy for students to submit applications from their homes using technology. Software upgradation is also being done for this purpose."

Grace marks

Minister said that the students were given seven grace marks (five marks for Mathematics, one mark each for Chemistry and Physics) in this CET. A total of 2,16,559 people had applied for CET. Out of these 2,10,829 candidates had written the exam. The verification of documents will be done online from August 5. He explained that only the records of 10 pc of the students who fall under the quotas of defence, NCC, sports, disabled etc. will be physically checked.

KCET toppers aspire for IIT

IITs seem to be the choice of toppers. Shishir RK, who scored 4th rank in engineering, plans on pursuing computer science at IIT Mumbai. He said, "It's about consistency. I prefer engineering because it involves mathematics, which is a more logical subject."

Sathvik V, ranking 9th in the KCET, says "I was pleased with my result, although I was expecting a little more."

City hospital adopts Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery

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SPARSH hospital has introduced Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery for Joint Replacement with many other technologies and digital transformation initiatives.

Dr Sharan Shivaraj Patil, chairman of SPARSH Hospital, said, "The cutting-edge technology helps in precision and faster recovery for patients. The technology-assisted procedures unquestionably offer more precision and accuracy as compared to conventional manual surgeries. Over the last decade, technologies such as advanced imaging, robotics, and artificial intelligence have played a key role in enhancing the standard of care and making surgical science more precise."

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Once the plan is locked, the Mako System assists the surgeon in executing the bone cuts in the operation theatre.

Dr Ashwath Narayan CN, Minister of Higher Education, said, "As the IT capital of the country, Bengaluru has been a leader in introducing and implementing technology-driven solutions that have transformed people's lives. In the field of healthcare, technology has the potential to improve care quality and create easier accessibility. We need more initiatives like this that can help Bengaluru become a sought-after destination for advanced medical procedures."

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White-topping showing no signs of stopping

Day or night, BBMP's road work is not letting CMH Road residents catch a break

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BBMP officials have currently undertaken white-topping work in its second phase on CMH Road and 100 Feet Road, leaving locals troubled

For the past month, senior citizens living in the vicinity of CMH Road, where white-topping work is in progress, are complaining of the work going on day and night. Residents question why the work cannot be taken up during the day, given that vehicle entry has been barred for that stretch where work is ongoing.

Currently, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) has undertaken white-topping work in its second phase on CMH Road and 100 Feet Road. While residents have made peace with the daytime noise, they question how BBMP expects residents to sleep with the work taking place at night.

A senior citizen in the area said, "It is mainly a commercial area with a few houses. People who stay here are mostly senior citizens who have been residents of Indiranagar for 30-40 years. Construction work is usually wrapped by 11pm, but here, they begin work in full swing after 11pm. For days, two-three vehicles kept coming and going. We could hear the grooves being drilled into the concrete. The generator was on as well. At 2am we had to request them to stop, but they refused to comply, stating that they would stop after finishing a few more lines. Now, they are going to take up work near my house and I am dreading the situation."

With work being taken up on only one side and vehicle entry staying barred, residents are confused about the need for work at night. They noted that the area had an asphalted road, and repair for asphalted roads consume far less time.

The stretch between Max Mueller Bhavan and the KFC Circle has reportedly turned into a nightmare.

Another resident complained that due to white-topping work going on at odd hours, his mother, who has returned from surgery, is unable to catch some rest.

> **"The final touches involved drilling and sawing. Even after 9pm BBMP is carrying out work. They should at least have a cut-off time and stop work by 11pm** – Resident

"My mother is not able to get sleep during the day and at night. The work has been going on for at least a month near my house. The final touches involved drilling and sawing. Even after 9 pm BBMP is carrying out work. They should at least have a cut-off time and stop work by 11 pm," the resident said.

However, BBMP is of the view that work is being carried out in the best interest of citizens to avoid traffic congestion in the rest of the city.

"We need to bring in several construction vehicles for the white-topping work. If these vehicles are allowed during the day, it will lead to congestion in the city. Despite the bar on the vehicles on that stretch, we do not want to add to the traffic woes of the city. Hence, we are now carrying out most of the work during the night. The work will be completed in a week. We request residents to bear with BBMP for one more week," said Lokesh, BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects).

Fake number plates? Highway to jail

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The Bengaluru Traffic Police, over the past two weeks, have registered five cases concerning fake number plates in vehicles.

Owners had deliberately tampered with and switched to duplicate registration numbers to avoid hefty fines imposed on vehicles where riders commit visible traffic offences and to hoodwink bank officials after they have defaulted on paying EMIs for their vehicles taken on loan, a senior traffic police officer said.

The traffic police have handed over the cases to their law-and-order counterparts who have sent them to jail for cheating and forgery.

The Rajajinagar Police, on Friday, arrested a 31-year-old private firm employee for riding his motorcycle with a fake number. The accused, Marigowda, was produced before a magistrate who remanded him to 14-day judicial custody.

Marigowda was caught by Head Constable Syed Nawaz and his subordinate on their routine checks of two-wheelers near the Koolinagar bridge on Friday morning.

"The rider's main intention was to evade paying fine. The police officials slapped a fine after checking for previous offences of the front number plate of the bike, which turned out to be Rs 19,500 by way of pending dues, and the back (rear) number plate had around Rs 9,500 as pending dues," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) West, Kuldeep Kumar Jain.

According to Jain, this is the fifth such case registered by the West Division Traffic Police alone in the past 15 days.

Three cases of fake registration numbers have been reported at the Rajajinagar, Vijayanagar, and KS Layout traffic police stations after the two-wheelers were found to have forged registration numbers during routine and random checks at non-peak hours. The police have arrested all the three riders, booked them for cheating and forgery, and have produced them before a magistrate who remanded them to 14-day judicial custody.

Upon questioning by the cops, the accused blurted out that they used fake registration numbers for their bikes to avoid traffic fines and cheat bank officials who were out to seize their vehicles as they had defaulted on loans, a senior police officer explained.

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BBMP, please note

Primrose Road

Cable owners are hanging their cables on the compound wall of The Mar Thoma Church, Primrose Road. BBMP, please take action.

Parking spot?

Richmond Road

This right turn on Richmond Road is blocked by tow trucks, creating congestion.

Unhygienic conditions

Railway Parallel Road

Garbage is overflowing in this area of Railway Parallel Road opposite Umesh Dosa Point. There is a stench emanating from the place.

Everything is illuminated

95% of dark spots in Vasanth Nagar have been eliminated by BBMP and volunteers

80% of dark spots in the area were removed by early 2021

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While multiple spots in the city still go under the covers of darkness by nightfall, residents and passers-by in Vasanth Nagar have a reason to rejoice. Thanks to a collaborative effort between citizen groups and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the area will soon have no dark spots left.

While the initiative to eliminate dark spots was taken up a couple of years ago, the last leg of the initiative is underway. Currently, 40 sodium fittings are being installed at key junctions and points which were marked during a recent survey conducted by a citizen group in association with BBMP officials to take stock of the situation.

"We are coordinating with the Resident Welfare Association as well as the local MLA office. We surveyed the dark spots in the locality a few months back, and so far, we have eliminated around 95 per cent of dark spots in the area. We did so by installing new poles wherever required and also by installing better lights on the existing BESCOM poles. We have installed 50 poles. Now, we are replacing the lights to get rid of dark spots completely. We are installing around 40 lights," said a BBMP official.

A survey was carried out in the area by the volunteers of Citizen for Citizen (C4C) of all 439 streetlights in the densely populated area bounded by Palace Road, Cunningham Road, Miller Road, and 1st Main Road.

"Initially, most of these were sodium lights with excellent brightness. However, there were plenty of dark spots on almost every road due to large gaps between adjacent poles, defective street lights, as well as tree branches. In addition, there were no timers installed. By early 2021, we had achieved success in eliminating about 80 per cent of dark spots in the area. However, the new Smart LED pilot project carried out in Vasanth Nagar proved to be a disruptor," said Rajkumar Dugar of C4C.

Volunteers and BBMP officials had identified dark spots in the area that could harbour anti-social activities

While the project was cancelled by BBMP, the same LED lights continue to be deployed, and these have resulted in additional dark spots. The initiative is expected to improve the safety and quality of life of the residents.

According to Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad, this initiative can work as a model of improvement for other areas.

"We have identified some dark spots in the area that might lead to the untoward incidents and have tried to eliminate them with the help of BBMP and public participation. We have started eliminating dark spots in the Vasanth Nagar area and we plan to eliminate them across our constituency soon," said Arshad.

Suspected monkeypox case in B'luru

An Ethiopian national with symptoms of monkeypox has been quarantined at a private hospital here, the Karnataka health department said.

His samples have been sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune for confirmation, the health officials said on Saturday. The African national has been isolated at the hospital where he got admitted for treatment of multiple health issues, including renal problem. "The 55-year-old Ethiopian with kidney related ailment and other health complications had come in the first week of July and only recently, he showed signs of monkeypox with rashes in his body," a health department official said. Health Minister K Sudhakar told reporters there was no need for people to panic as it is not a deadly disease. "There is no need to panic over monkeypox. We need to take some precautionary measures. Even if it comes, there is treatment available for it. It does not lead to death. Death is highly unlikely," Sudhakar, who himself is a medical professional, said. He said the disease belongs to the smallpox family. Those who have taken vaccines will not show major symptoms.

—PTI

Newspaper vendor dies of heart attack

Perumal, who has been working as a newspaper vendor, passed away at the age of 55 due to a heart attack on Sunday. He is survived by his son and wife.

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THE SUNDAY READ

A chunk of the human-animal conflicts involves elephants

Conflict situation

Experts urge govt to look for long-term solutions as cases of human-animal conflict rise; 36,982 cases in 2021-22; ₹2,741 lakh paid as compensation

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Karnataka has recorded the highest number of human-wildlife cases in 2021-22 compared to the last four years. As per the data from the Karnataka Forest Department, 36,982 cases have been registered by the department in 2021-22, compared to 28,559 in 2020-21; 23,480 in 2019-20; 24,055 conflict cases in 2018-19 and 30,806 in 2017-18.

While the number went down for two consecutive years starting from 2018, it is climbing up again forcing the department to shell out a huge amount in ex-gratia compensation.

The total amount paid as ex-gratia in 2021-22 is Rs 2,741.70 lakh.

According to Vijaykumar Gogi, principal chief conservator of forest (Wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department, the quantum of money paid as compensation is increasing due to changes in the land use pattern. "Earlier, farmers were into subsistence agriculture, where their investment was low. With advent of new technology and government initiatives, they have started investing in various forms of agriculture along the forest boundaries. We cannot erect barricades all along the landscape, leading to higher compensation," said Gogi.

From a genuine surge in the conflict cases in some areas to inadequate mitigations activities, and from an increase in awareness about the ex-gratia facility to change in the land use pattern, there are multiple reasons behind the surge in human-animal conflict numbers.

According to experts, while conflict cases involving carnivores can be permanently mitigated by creating barriers and taking up other measures that will discourage the animals to venture into human-inhabited areas, it is the herbivores, especially the elephants-related conflicts, which turn out to be tricky. "At least half of the human-animal conflict cases are that of human-elephant conflicts. The department has put enough measures in place to contain the jumbos, but elephants are smart animals and they come up with ways to breach these barriers," said Ramesh Belagere, wildlife activist, Foundation for Ecology and Education Development.

Daniel Sukumar Das, director, Wildlife Conservation Foundation says it is not the scarcity of food or water, but the encroachment of the forest corridors that is putting these animals into conflict situations with humans. "Elephants have been moving across South India's landscape through the corridors. For ages, the forest belonged to the elephants. However, encroachment of corridors, especially in the forests of Hassan, has made the situation worse. The forest department should look at providing a safe passage to the animals between two forest areas," said Das.

According to the forest department officials, Ramanagar, Hassan and Kodagu are some of the areas that are crop depredation cases involving herbivores such as elephants.

"Crop depredation depend a lot on the land use changes that happened in recent years. Farmers are shifting from seasonal crops to annual due to various government initiatives such as irrigation facilities even on forest fringes. Thus, earlier while food was available for the animals only during certain months, now it is available all around the year. Farmers have also shifted to crops such as paddy, sugarcane and maize, and elephants love to feed on them," said Avinash Krishnan, director, science and conservation, A Rocha India.

DAMAGES DONE

Year	Number of cases	Ex-gratia paid (Rs in Lakh)
2017-18	30,806	1,881.7
2018-19	24,055	1,526.61
2019-20	23,480	1,562.7
2020-21	28,559	2,103.14
2021-22	36,982	2,741.7

Ex-gratia is not the solution

Experts say paying compensation is an unscientific and superficial approach to solving the issue of human-animal conflict. Over the last five years, the department has paid Rs 9,815.85 lakh as ex-gratia compensation to those affected.

"All that compensation can achieve is to incentivise the farmers so they do not end up killing the animals. But it is not a permanent solution. Compensation paid in case of a life lost is understandable, but crop depredation is an every day occurrence and compensation is not viable," said Das.

As per a report by the Karnataka Task Force, one way to resolve the human-animal conflict is through zonation of land. Land zonation implies that in certain areas only people should live, certain other areas should be occupied only by the animals, and in some areas, both can co-exist. Experts also said mitigation strategies should be futuristic. "Land zonation is the way forward in such cases. For instance, while in a landscape such as that of Coorg, co-existence will be unyielding, it will work beautifully in the case of Bannerghatta National Park. We should look at futuristic mitigation strategies instead of paying compensation. Private players interested in conservation values should pitch in with effective technologies," added Avinash.

CELEBRATING NATURE'S UNSUNG HEROES

World Ranger Day is observed on July 31 every year to commemorate rangers killed or injured on duty and to celebrate their work. Rangers, forest guards, watchers – they are known by many names and their work is extensive. They are the unsung heroes of conservation.

A ranger refers to a professional who is in charge of a range within a forest division. They are involved in the protection and management of forest areas, national parks, and wildlife sanctuaries. Their work includes patrolling, monitoring wildlife, combating poaching, engaging local communities, managing fires, and assisting with tourism. Patrolling is among their most crucial tasks.

Many of the anti-poaching patrols are carried out at night, with strategic planning of routes and deployment of staff to cover threat-prone areas. In those times, wildlife activity is also high. Despite threat from both poachers and animals, their love for conservation of forests and wildlife keeps them going.

Rangers are on the frontlines for mitigation and management of human-animal conflict in states with a thriving wildlife population like Karnataka (elephants, leopards). In such areas, they assist DFOs to make strategies to control human-animal conflict by putting up effective barriers like elephant-proof trenches, railway barricades, and solar fencing. Many Forest Department personnel have lost their lives or faced serious injury while trying to drive elephants towards forests or similar rescue attempts.

An important aspect of a Ranger's job is visiting local communities and engaging people. A good Range Forest Officer has excellent knowledge of the villages falling within or near their jurisdiction.

Managing fires

Both natural fires and man-made fires occur in the forest. During the dry season, a large proportion of a Ranger's time is spent in preventing and combating forest fires. In order to prevent such fires from spreading to large areas, they keep a close watch on the forest areas within their jurisdiction. In India, the end of 'fire season' by monsoon rains brings joy to all forest staff who catch their breath after several tense months.

Tourism assistance

Rangers are also involved in guiding tourists around national parks and wildlife sanctuaries – often in vehicles – as their in-depth knowledge of wildlife is perfect for awareness among nature lovers. Not only are they directly involved with the tourists, but also in designing tourist-routes. It is clear that a ranger's work is vast and critical to ensuring a safe future for our natural areas. Many of these brave folk toil through dangerous harsh conditions, spending weeks and months away from their loved ones. Some do not have access to electricity or clean drinking water whilst on patrol. Rangers are truly nature's real life-heroes.

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It's safari time at Nagarhole

Environmentalists slam plan to introduce two more safaris at National Park

Nagarhole National Park already has safaris from three sides

Two more safaris will soon be added to Nagarhole National Park. Currently, the safaris are organised from three sides of the park. With the addition of two, this will be one of the few national parks in the country to have safaris from five sides. Work towards introducing the two safars have already begun.

Forest officials said that one of the new safaris will be from Titimiti side (Hunsur-Gonikoppal-Thalassery road) and another centre will be opened at Muttur (near Periyapatna-Maldare road). If things go as per the plan, the new safaris (both in morning and evening) may kick-start in November-December this year. Forest officials said that many people travel from Mysuru to Kodagu and there were no safari entrances and hence the new safaris were planned.

Forest officials said that these new safaris have been planned as per the buffer tourism.

> **"Considering that tigers, leopards and elephants have been foraging into farmlands almost every day, it would be prudent to cancel the safari in the buffer zones**
> –Joseph Hoover, United Conservation Movement

While the tourists have welcomed the move, the environmentalists are opposing this. Bengaluru-based Joseph Hoover of United Conservation Movement who is also a former member of the State Board for Wildlife said, "The Karnataka Forest Department is set to start a safari in the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve buffer zone to offset tourist pressure in one of India's best wildlife habitats. The buffer was recently added to the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, expanding it from 684 sq km to 847 sq km. There are existing safaris at Kabini, Nanachi and Veeranahosahalli. But the department is ambitious to cater to more wildlife-centric tourists in Rajiv Grama and Lingapura. It will be an imprudent venture."

Objections

He said the local communities, including forest settlers, have also objected to the new safari route, expressing their concern over elephants destroying crops in neighbouring estates and farmlands.

"Kodagu district has been a high risk man-animal conflict zone with elephants and tigers (there are four on the prowl) frequently sauntering into human habitations. Local people are also worried about the governments facilitating boating at Gundpatnakere where elephants, gaurs, deer, tigers, leopards, bears come to quench their thirst. According to senior forest officers, the government had approved the detailed project report under the Tiger Conservation Plan. Following this, construction of ticket counters and other amenities for tourists is set to start soon. The path to this area has been cleared inside the forest," he said.

Conservation

He added that under the tiger conservation plan the government had approved safaris at Nugu wildlife sanctuary and at Gundre range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The proposal was shelved under public protest in 2020.

"Considering that tigers, leopards and elephants have been foraging into farmlands virtually every day, the government would be prudent to cancel the safari in the buffer zone," he added.

—Prakash VL

ABVP siege at home minister's residence

Condemning the murder of BJP activist Praveen Kumar Nettaru, a large number of RSS-affiliated student outfit Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) members laid siege to the residence of Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra here on Saturday.

Condemning the "inaction" of the ruling BJP, the agitators tried to barge inside Jnanendra's residence in Jayamahal area as they demanded his resignation.

> **Jnanendra claims protest has opened his eyes to demands of banning some organisations**

Police had to carry out a baton charge to disperse the protesters and detained ABVP members. The Home Minister was not at the residence at the time of protest and the police have arranged tight security at the residence after the protest.

Reacting to the protest, Jnanendra stated that the protestors have opened his eyes.

"ABVP members who staged the protest demanded a ban on communal organisations like PFI, SFI. They have attempted to open my eyes and draw my attention in this regard," he said.

Police try to disperse protesters from the Home Minister's residence in Bengaluru on Saturday

"The protestors maintain that without banning these organisations, it is not possible to establish peace," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has taken DGP Praveen Sood and state Intelligence chief B Dayanand to task for not getting inputs on a flash protest in front of the Home Minister's residence, police sources said. He also questioned police's lack of success in making breakthroughs in the investigation of the BJP activist's murder, sources added.

–PTI

IISc, Indian Navy to collaborate on aviation research

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to collaborate on aviation research and development and to ramp up self-reliance efforts for the Indian Navy, in line with the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat, IISc officials stated Saturday.

The MoU provides a formal basis for the Indian Navy to interact with relevant faculty members at IISc and will promote joint research programmes in areas of mutual interest.

The MoU was signed by Captain Sridhar Warrier, Registrar, IISc and Captain P Vinayagam, Capt (APP), Indian Navy, Friday in the presence of senior members of the Navy including Rear Admiral Deepak Bansal, VSM, ACNS (Air Materiel), and Commodore Raja Vinod, Commodore Superintendent, NAY (Goa), apart from other senior officers from the Indian Navy.

Also present at the occasion were Chairs of several departments in the Division of Mechanical Sciences, and the Office of Research Grants at IISc.

MoU provides basis for Indian Navy to interact with IISc faculty

The areas of collaboration under this MoU will fall under the domain of Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering, including design and education technology.

Specialisations that will be under focus include Propulsion and Propulsion Systems, Steel Technology, Metallurgy and Material Sciences, and Corrosion Science; Systems and Controls, Instrumentation and Sensors; Environmental Science and Engineering, Energy Science and Engineering; Management (Technical and Logistics), Industrial Engineering and Operational Research, Nanotechnology and MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems), Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Machine Learning.

"It is a privilege for us to collaborate with the Indian Navy in these important areas of mutual interest. We look forward to the many exciting research and development outcomes that will emerge from this partnership," said Capt Warrier.

The collaboration will also foster regular interactions between IISc faculty members and officers of the Indian Navy.

–IANS

CWG 2022: Silver for Sargar, Bronze for Poojary

Weightlifter Gururaja Poojary

Partially fulfilling the promise he made to himself four years back, young Sanket Sargar won a silver medal while Gururaja Poojary made a successful switch to Olympic weight category, as weightlifters put India on medal tally at the Commonwealth Games here Saturday.

Sargar targetted a gold medal but injured his right elbow while attempting to lift 139kg in his second clean and jerk attempt to eventually settle for a second place in 55kg category.

The 21-year-old managed a total of 248kg (113kg+135kg) to finish just one kilogram behind Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq, who smashed the Games record in clean and jerk as he lifted 249kg (107kg+142kg) to win the gold.

Sri Lanka's Dilanka Isuru Kumara 225kg (105kg+120kg) took home the bronze.

Later Gururaja, the silver medalist at Gold Coast 2018, finished third in 61kg to clinch India's first ever CWG medal in this weight category.

Gururaj was placed fourth after snatch competition. He lifted 151kg in his final clean and jerk attempt to to seal the bronze with a total lift of 269kg, edging out Canada's Youri Simard (119kg).

Malaysian Aznil Bidin shattered two Games records lifting 127kg (snatch) and 158kg (clean and jerk) to successfully defend his 2018 CWG title with a massive lift of 285kg.

Papua New Guinea's Morea Baru won the silver lifting a total of 273kg (121+152).

For Sargar, who was managing a paan shop with his father in Sangli, Maharashtra it indeed is a feat to cherish. Life has thrown challenges at him and he accepted them with grace and found a way to overcome them with sheer dedication.

"There were no errors committed during the lift. I felt a sudden load on my right elbow so I couldn't control it and there were two clicks I heard," Sargar said at the mixed zone.

In fact at the Commonwealth Championships in Tashkent last December where he won a silver, he had lifted 143kg with ease.

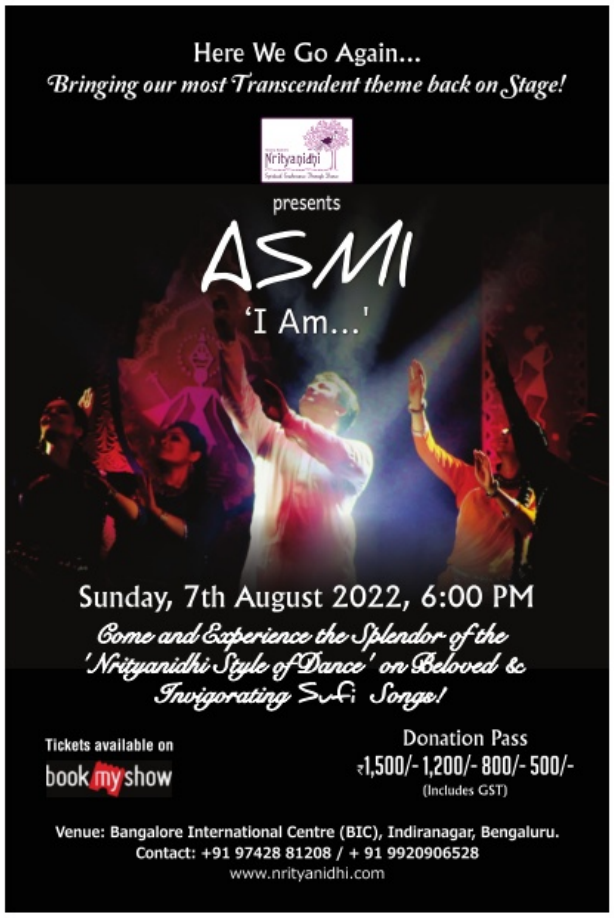
"In training, I regularly lift 143kgs. I had to go for it as there was a gold at stake. I am not happy with myself because I have been training for the last four years only for the gold. "I am a bit happy but mostly feel I could have done better. I did not take the risk to go beyond my national record because completing a lift is important as well," he said about not going beyond 113kg in snatch.

The lifter said he would undergo scans to know the extent of his injury.

It was a story of sacrifices for Gururaja after switching the Olympic discipline, following his silver medal at Gold Coast which came in the 56kg category.

"I got married in May last year but could not be with my family as I joined the camp," said Gururaja.

Then after coming here he was down with fever and could not give his best at the training. **–PTI**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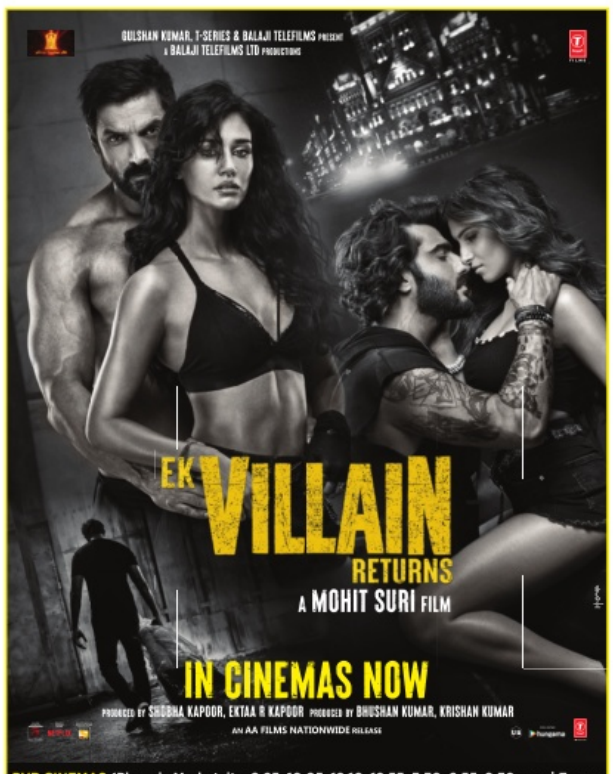
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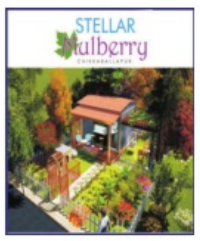

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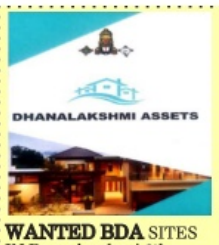

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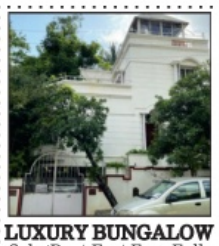

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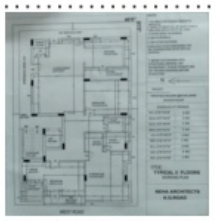

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That's a criminally expensive gift for girlfriend

Cook wanted to impress his girl so he stole a few pricey phones from store

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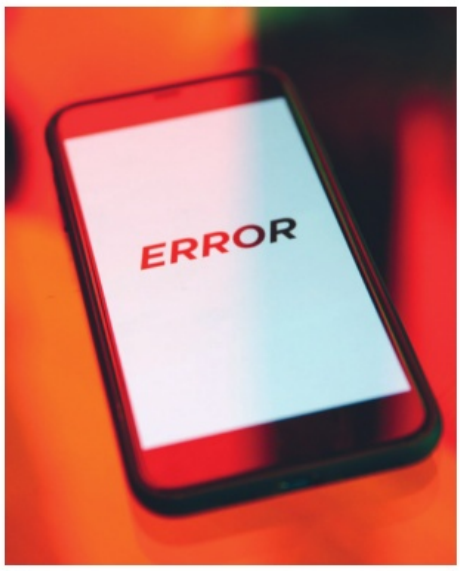
This phone thief is accused of having watched on film too many and gone to a criminal extent to impress his girlfriend. Police said it was movies like Dhoom-2 and other heist flicks in which the protagonist devises novel ideas to make away with valuables in ease, that inspired 27-year-old cook Mohammed Munnaf to try his hand at stealing some high-end mobile phones from a retail electronic store. He pulled off the burglary, his luck ran out after the police picked up his girlfriend whom he had gifted a stolen I-phone.

Munnaf who hails from Bihar, worked as a roti-maker at a restaurant in JP Nagar. He was active on social media where he posed as a rich restauranteer. He befriended a college student from HSR Layout on Instagram and started chatting and interacting with her. Soon after they grew close, Munnaf decided to give his girlfriend something memorable. He decided to give her



Of all the phones the culprit took, one was active and being used by his girlfriend, which led the cops to the man

an expensive I-phone. "But he could not afford even a low-end phone with his job so he started to devise plans as to how to steal one without any hassles. Munnaff started watching movies like Dhoom-2 and other movies and got an idea. On the night of July 20, he walked into the Infiniti Retail Limited Croma Store in JP Nagar 2nd phase around its closing time and checked on a few models of phones and then sneaked into the women's restroom inside the showroom," said a police officer.

Munnaf is then said to have hid himself there until the store manager closed the showroom and all the employees left for the day. He then had the entire showroom to his disposal so he selected a few good phones including an expensive I-phone for his girlfriend. He shortlisted around five phones including the one he had decided to give to his girlfriend and then hid back inside the women's restroom.

Early in the morning, the security and housekeeping staff arrived and opened the showroom when Munnaf sneaked out of the restroom. He took the lift down to the basement, where he lost one of his stolen mobiles in a haste and fled the place.

The next day, when the stocks were checked, the store manager found out that five expensive mobile phones had gone missing. Based on a complaint from Anand S from the marketing division of the retail store, the JP Nagar police registered a case of burglary and initiated investigation. Upon checking the CCTV footage, they could see Munnaf but there was no conclusive evidence as to whether he was the one who had made away with the phones. The cops then put the IMEI numbers of all the stolen phones on a tracker and found out that a number was active in HSR Layout.

> **"He could not afford even a low-end phone with his job so he started to devise plans as to how to steal one without any hassles. He started watching heist movies and got an idea**
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> –Police officer

When the police reached out to that number, it was a girl student who said that her boyfriend had gifted the phone to her.

Girlfriend spills the beans

She was summoned to the station and upon inquiries, the trail led to Munnaf who came to the police with the other three phones that he was using. All the stolen mobiles have been recovered and Munnaf was produced before a magistrate who remanded him to judicial custody.

Munnaf's girlfriend was shocked to learn that he was a roti-maker at a restaurant in JP Nagar and had stolen the mobiles and gifted to her while she was believing that he was an owner of a restaurant and was well to do as he looked in his DP (display picture), she told the police. The student had come to Bengaluru from Mangaluru to pursue her degree and came in contact with Munnaf, the police said.

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How green is Jnana Bharathi campus

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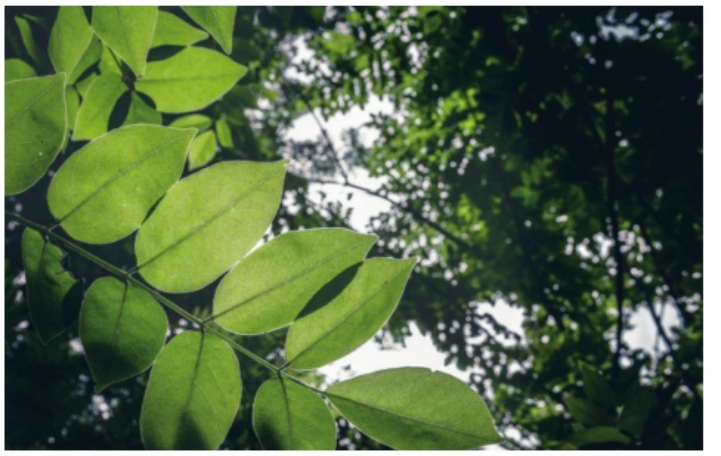
However, out of all the components, it is food consumption and food waste that turned out to be the biggest contributor to the campus being weakly sustainable.

"Our study revealed that food, at 93.02%, is the major contributing factor to the footprint, followed by total energy consumption including the energy required for treatment of wastewater at 4.45%, waste generation at 2.44% and built-up land at 0.08%. We have a floating population on the campus and food is served to outsiders as well, which is another reason for the higher footprint of food," said Kavana R, the co-author of the study.



Experts said there is a huge potential for the Jnanabharathi campus to bring in certain green initiatives

This trend, according to experts, varies if educational institutions and campuses from other parts of the world are taken into consideration. "For universities and colleges in the western countries, it is either energy or mobility that is the biggest contributor. However, it is different for India, where the major contribution comes from food. If you compare the ecological footprint of our campus with western universities, it is a much smaller value. Even when compared with the case study of a Tamil Nadu-based college, we are faring well," said Dr BC Nagaraja, professor and head of the department of environment science at BU.

According to the findings, around 168 tonnes of waste is generated on the campus every year, out of which around 80% is organic. "This can be used for the production of biogas, wherein LPG cylinder usage can be minimised. A significant amount of food is wasted in hostels and canteens daily, the reduction of which can bring down the footprint of waste and energy components," added Kavana.

Experts said there is a huge potential for the campus to bring in certain green initiatives and take a stride forward towards being more sustainable.

"We have submitted our findings and have recommended that the university establishes a solar sewage treatment plant. The treated water can be reused on the campus for developing bio-parks and domestic purposes, which in turn will reduce the demand for freshwater. There is a huge potential for using solar energy on campus. A sewage management system on the campus is the need of the hour as it is polluting surface water bodies and altering the aesthetics of the landscape," said Dr Nagaraja.

Experts further noted that while an institution's ecological footprint evaluation is one of the main parameters when it comes to global rankings, Indian educational campuses are still trying to address environmental issues in bits and pieces. They recommended that the accreditation bodies in India such as NAAC should start looking at an integrated approach to evaluate universities and college campuses in India under their sustainability criteria.

"Most of the accreditations and evaluations in India are based on energy audits, water audits and green audits. Universities and colleges prepare these audits mandatorily, but the comprehensive ecological footprint is not addressed. It is time that the accreditation bodies start looking at a comprehensive ecological footprint analysis of campuses. This approach is being taken up in universities in western countries," added Dr Nagaraja.

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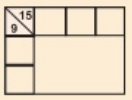
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

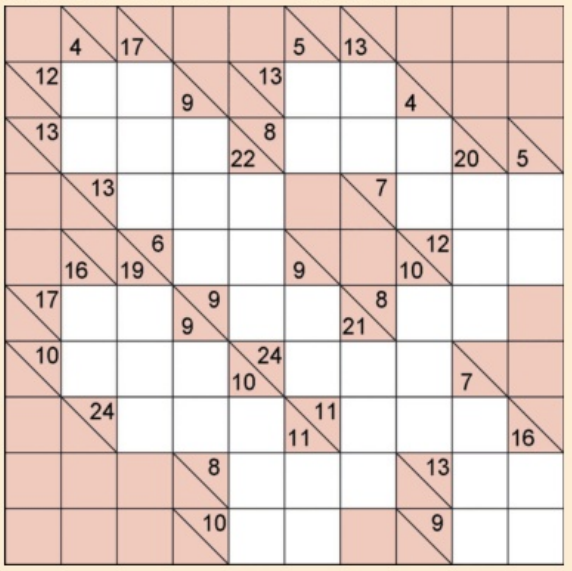
A man runs with speed 54 km/hr in a straight path starting from A at 8 AM for 35 minute. What should be his speed for rest of the motion, completing 100 kms from A to B up to 9 AM.

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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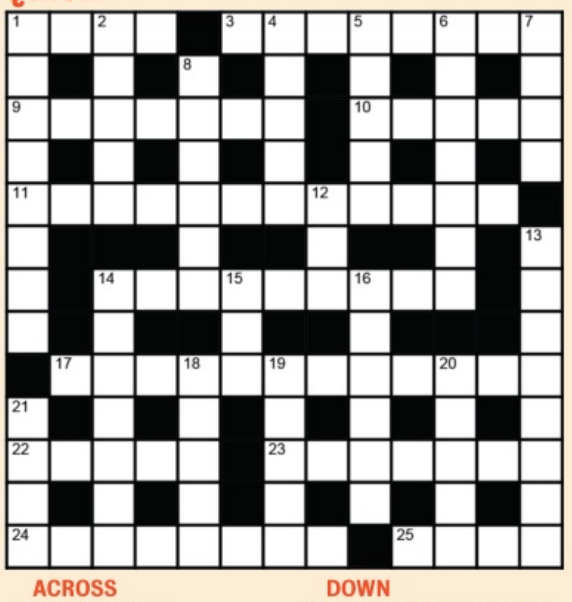


ACROSS

1 Dips in liquid (4)
3 Laws (8)
9 Bollywood great ___ Bachchan (7)
10 Internal (5)
11 Unrestrained (4-8)
14 Simpleton (9)
17 Famous temple on Kankapura road (12)
22 Move furtively (5)
23 F1 team (7)
24 Supporter of the monarchy (8)
25 Inspired wonder (4)

DOWN

1 Supporting framework (8)
2 P in PM (5)
4 American lake (5)
5 Textile fabric (5)
6 Lessees (7)
7 Painful place (4)
8 Charles ____ : he put forward theory of evolution? (6)
12 Actress Longoria (3)
13 Handed over or alloted (8)
14 In a silly manner (7)
15 Surprised reactions? (3)
16 Hack or mutilate by blows (6)
18 Dismay greatly (5)
19 Residences (5)
20 Archer's missile (5)
21 Wound mark (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS G

MDT RECOPWTB FYT JLUA. VNCFFCOD RECOPWTB FYT BLNW.

Linemaro

Are you Alice? I feel I am in wonderland

Mindchow

A pair of powerful spectacles has sometimes sufficed to cure a person in love

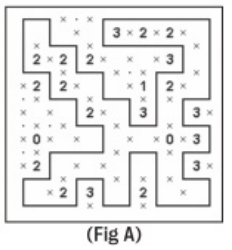
Joke of the day

Who first thought, "I wonder what happens if I squeeze a cow's dangly things and drink what comes out?"

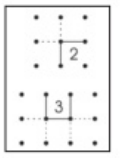
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

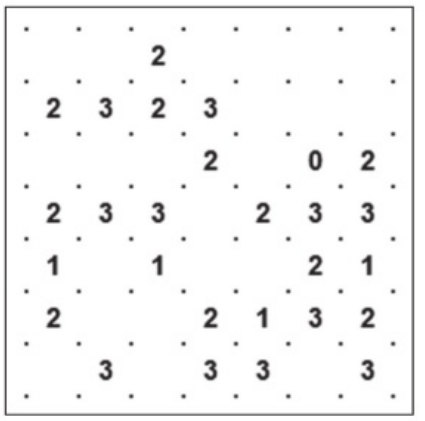


(Fig B) Not Allowed

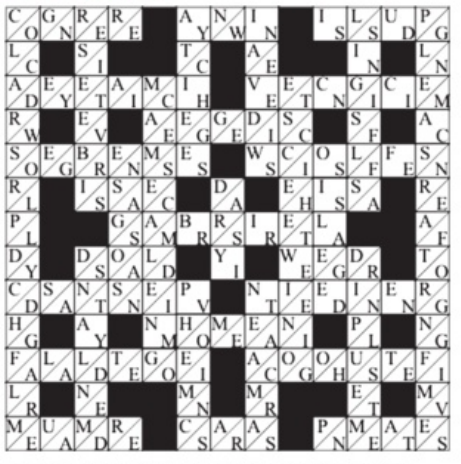
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



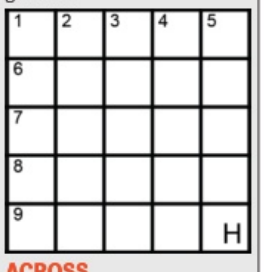
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

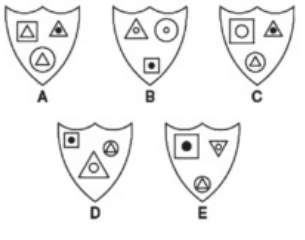
1 I pass; 6 RT Nag; 7 A limp; 8 Sebum; 9 To Hot

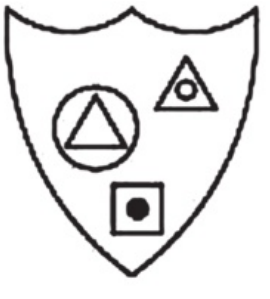
DOWN

1 Gel at; 2 Or imp; 3 Bomas; 4 Putin; 5 SS Hat

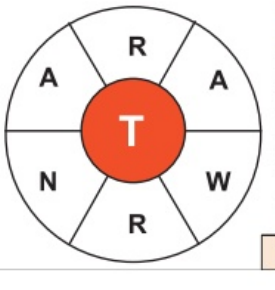
Mensapuzzle

Which shield below has most in common with the shield?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

				5				
6			1		2			3
2	8						7	6
5	1		7		6		8	9
	4						1	
7	6		3		8		4	2
3	7						9	1
9			8		3			4
				6				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10

4 6 9 9

Medium = 16

3 4 8 9

Hard = 1

2 8 9 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

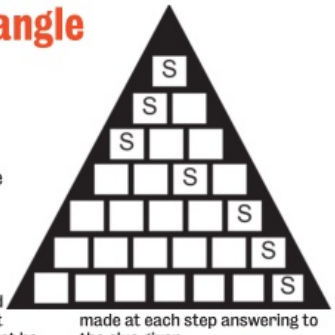
Differences: 1. Curtain is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Shirt is longer. 5. Walkway is narrower. 6. Apron bow is smaller.

Riddler

This house holds rooms, one score and six that shelter a vast mob. It lets lions lie down with the lambs, tet makes both shun the slob. None now will nestle with nicks and nates while reams room near the rear. Though you and I have separate rooms both our bottles brim with beer. The king and queen can never mate.(Though hands and hearts hobnob) Because their rooms are separate. If this jail does its job. What house is this that rules thus forcing faith to fend with fear? The answer to this riddle lies with dead and dying here. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 South East, abbr.
3 Recognise
4 Gaelic language
5 Barons and earls
6 Indulgent periods
7 Catherine, for one



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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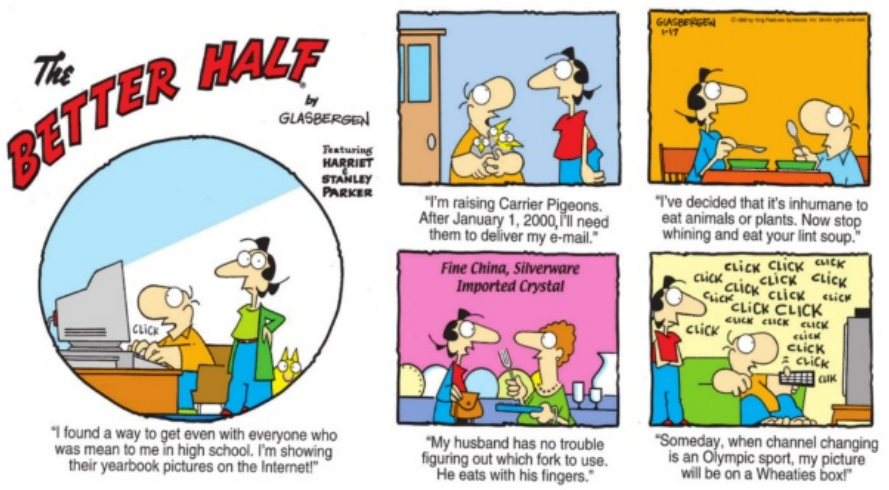
The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
CLICK
"I found a way to get even with everyone who was mean to me in high school. I'm showing their yearbook pictures on the Internet!"
"I'm raising Carrier Pigeons. After January 1, 2000, I'll need them to deliver my e-mail."
GLASBERGEN
"I've decided that it's inhumane to eat animals or plants. Now stop whining and eat your lint soup."
Fine China, Silverware Imported Crystal
"My husband has no trouble figuring out which fork to use. He eats with his fingers."
CLICK CLICK CLICK
"Someday, when channel changing is an Olympic sport, my picture will be on a Wheaties box!"

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
HAPPY EASTER, MOM!
TULIPS! I LOVE TULIPS!
KISS! KISS! YOU'RE SUCH A DEAR! AND YOU'RE SUCH A DEAR!
I KNOW JUST WHERE I'M GOING TO PUT THESE!
HALF OF MY TULIPS ARE GONE!!
MAYBE A COUPLE OF "DEAR" GOT TO THEM...
4-17

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, PETER PARKER HAS GAINED THAT INSECT'S DISPROPORTIONATE STRENGTH--
--AND, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE, CAN CLING TO CEILINGS AND WALLS!
STAN LEE

THE DAILY BUGLE, MANHATTAN...
OH, HI, PETER.
ON YOUR WAY BACK, I HOPE?
OUR FRONT PAGE HAS BEEN MISSING YOUR SHOTS OF SPIDER-MAN...
...THOUGH I HEAR HE SHOWED UP IN L.A., TOO!
UH... YEAH. I HEARD HE WAS ON THE TRACK OF THE MOLE MAN.
STAN LEE/ J-13 SAMUNDSSNOFF
THE MOLE MAN? WHAT WAS THAT SUB-EARTH SULTAN DOING OUT WEST?
AFRAID I NEVER SAW HIM TO ASK, ROBBIE... LET ALONE TAKE PICS OF HIM, ANT/OR SPIDER-MAN.
HEY, NO SWEAT! YOU'RE OFFICIALLY ON VACATION. I SEEM TO RECALL...
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO THE BUGLE WHEN I GET BACK!
CAN YOU PLEASE TELL MR. JAMESON THAT FIRST I'VE GOTTA JOIN MY WIFE IN MIAMI FOR A FEW DAYS?
FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT.
-'CAUSE JONAH'S IN MIAMI, RIGHT NOW--FOR A BIG PUBLISHER'S CONFAB!
SPLAT
NEXT: MIAMI-BOUND & DANGER-BOUND!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and it will make you happy. Chronic health-related issues are likely to be resolved now. It is a good time to initiate postponed projects. Your destiny may be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. You may expect spiritual or work trips.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your moon is negative. You may feel dull and you can have health issues. You may face losses in this period. it is advised not to invest in risky assets. Your gains may convert to losses. You should stop investing in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies, otherwise it may pull you down negatively.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may have confidence, which may reflect in your way of working. You are in a winning position in terms of opponents and enemies. You may have good focus towards your goals. Health issues may be good. In your domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments as it may affect your domestic harmony.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may be happy due to auspicious planetary combinations. You may have some sort of positive energy which may boost your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual subjects. You will also plan for higher studies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull, which may reflect in your way of working, but with the help of elders, you may get back to your usual speed. You are likely to pay extra attention to your children's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Stomach issues can make you upset.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be happy at work. You are likely to make some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you in the near future. You may plan for a short trip. Your subordinates are likely to be cooperative. You may expect some good news in terms of your sibling's success. You are likely to be in winning positions in legal matters as well. Students may be more focused.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your communication skills may help you in terms of your professional life. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which can create a foundation in their relationship.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. New partnerships may bring you benefits. Your energy levels are likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull and unhappy. You are advised to avoid harsh conversation with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation of your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. Keep patience while making important decisions.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today new sources of income are likely to be opened. Your past investments may bring you good profits, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation which will increase your network. Singles may find their soulmate in terms of marriage.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, blessings from elders can make you confident. You should follow your intuition before taking any initiatives, which may help you at work. Your intuition may help you gain more in terms of finances. You are likely to visit some spiritual place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Distance covered in 35 minute = 54*35/60 = 31.5 km
So speed required = 100-31.5/ (25/26)
68.5*60/25 = 164.4 km/hr

RIDDLER Dictionary
QUOTE UNCODE
Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul.

FAST FIVE

A	P	S	I	S
G	R	A	N	T
L	I	M	P	A
E	M	B	U	S
T	O	O	T	H

BULL'S EYE
arrant, rant, want, WARRANT, wart

STRIKE OUT

M	A	D	E	S	A	S	P	E	T	E				
R	E		M		T		V							
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QUICK

R	O	Y	A	L	I	S	T	A	W	E	D			
A		L		A		E		E		O		E		
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S		N		P		O		G		R		G		
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MENSA PUZZLE
D: It contains a triangle in a circle, a circle in a triangle (With the same orientation of the triangle) and a black dot in a square;

SUDOKU

1	3	4	6	5	7	9	2	8
6	9	7	1	8	2	4	5	3
2	8	5	4	3	9	1	7	6
5	1	2	7	4	6	3	8	9
8	4	3	2	9	5	6	1	7
7	6	9	3	1	8	5	4	2
3	7	6	5	2	4	8	9	1
9	5	1	8	7	3	2	6	4
4	2	8	9	6	1	7	3	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, See, Erse, Peers, Sprees, Empress.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 9 + 6 + 4 = 10
Medium
3 + 9 + 8 – 4 = 16
Hard
3 – 2 x 9 – 8 = 1

KAKURO

4	17		5	13			10	
12	3	9		9	4	9		5
13	1	7	5	8	1	4	20	3
16		19	1	5	9		1	4
17	9	8	9	8	1	8	7	
10	7	2	1	24	8	9	7	7
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Coach McConaughey

Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey is all set to star in the upcoming soccer film 'Dallas Sting', which is being helmed by Kari Skogland. McConaughey will play coach in the film

BEAUTIFUL CHAOS

Alia Bhatt feels this year has been a rollercoaster ride for her with many firsts

It feels like I've lived a decade in six months," says Alia Bhatt, for whom the year 2022 is turning out to be a rollercoaster ride with many firsts along the way.

The Bollywood star started the year with a blockbuster in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Gangubai Kathiawadi" and got married to her longtime partner Ranbir Kapoor in April.

She then jetted off to the UK to film her Hollywood debut "Heart of Stone", co-starring Gal Gadot, and before returning to India, Bhatt dropped the news that she is expecting her first child.

As she promotes her maiden production venture "Darlings", the 29-year-old actor said she hasn't had the time to "process" the milestones her life is crossing.

"It feels like I've lived a decade in six months. I don't think you ever really process what's happening when it's happening. In retrospect, you're like 'Oh my God that happened at this time and this also happened at that time'. I'm actually a quiet person, I may seem very chatty, but I'm really quiet, so I'm a lot in my head," the actor told PTI.

Bhatt, who is also gearing up for the release of her big screen spectacle "Brahmastra Part One: Shiva", said the only way to describe the current phase of her life is "beautifully chaotic".

But amidst all the chaos, her focus is mostly on "health, happiness and balance", the actor added.

"A lot has happened and is happening to me, obviously. So I am processing whilst I'm going. The two words that totally define my life are beautifully chaotic. I love the chaos but there's so much beauty in it as well.

"I'm grateful for what's happening. But only health, happiness and balance is on my mind right now. Maybe in the future I'll look back and wonder, 'That was one hell of a year'," the actor said. **—PTI**

Sealed with a kiss on the ramp

Bollywood power couple Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone set the ramp on fire as they turned show stoppers for designer Manish Malhotra's latest collection.

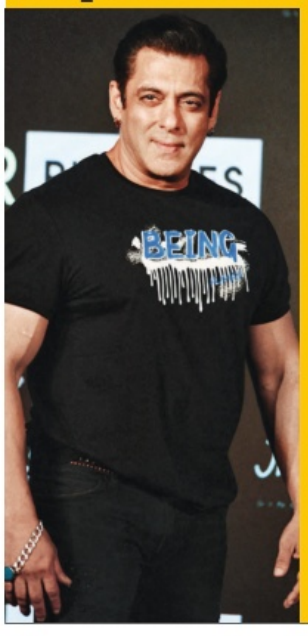
Dressed in contrasting shades of black and white, the couple held hands, stole kisses, whispered sweet nothings and more while modelling the regal collection at a fashion show in Mumbai. The audience wasn't the only ones hooting and cheering the couple on. Shortly after the videos from their ramp walk went viral, fans on social media were left swooning at the couple's crackling chemistry and their rare display of affection.

Taking to Twitter, fans when gaga over the picture-perfect pair while sharing their best photos of the two. "When Deepika kissed Ranveer on the cheek," said a fan while adding a couple of emotional emojis.

"I admire you, I love you and you're really the best thing that ever, ever happened to me." - Ranveer to Deepika

Others also caught some cute moments that the couple shared on the ramp that included Deepika taking out confetti from her husband's hair and him doing the same for her. Ranveer also won major hubby points for taking over the microphone to sing praise of his superstar wifey. "The best things to have ever happened to me. Baby, achieving things on a global stage that are unprecedented for an Indian artist, you make your own path as you. Through all of your achievements really just living a life of purpose, I find that hugely inspiring. I admire you, I love you, and you're really the best thing that ever, ever happened to me," the hunk said as Deepika struggled to hold back her blush. **—ETimes**

Super security for Salman



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is not taking any risks as far as his security is concerned.

The actor, who received a death threat last month, is going all out to make sure both he and his family are safe at all times. Besides amping up the security cover at his Galaxy Apartment residence, the actor has now reportedly added a bulletproof vehicle to his fleet of cars.

According to reports, a new car with bulletproof glass and armour was spotted on the actor's residential premises. The 'Tiger 3' star has allegedly upgraded his ride to the bulletproof Land Cruiser. Although the car is not the latest model, it can keep him safe from any untoward incident.

Reports stated that the actor was targeted by members of Lawrence Bishnoi's gang. It was noted that a sharpshooter was posted outside his residence to keep watch on him and track his movements. Following the revelations, the actor was advised to amp up his security, make fewer public appearances and avoid leaving his residence to cycle around the area. **—ETimes**